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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF "NON-PAPER"
AIDE MEMOIRE FISCHER HANDED CHARGE MAY 12:
BEGIN TEXT: "THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ATTACHES GREAT
SIGNIFICANCE TO AN UNINTERRUPTED AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF
BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. THE GERMAN DEMO-
CRATIC REPUBLIC IS CONVINCED THAT THE CONFERENCE ON
SECURTIY AND COPPERATION IN EUROPE GIVES NEW IMPULSE TO THE
PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLES AGREED TO IN TEH
FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI FOR THE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS FORMATION
OF POLITCAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA.
"THE EFFORTS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ARE DIRECTED
TOWARD REALIZATION OF THE FINAL ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY, AS THE
ACT ITSELF FORESEES. THIS IS VALID WITHOUT LIMITATIONS
FOR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT IS
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WELL KNOWN THAT THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS
UNDERTAKEN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES IN CONFORMITY WITH THE
FINAL ACT. VARIOUS PROPOSALS AND NEGOTAITING TEXTS HAVE
BEEN PRESENTED TO THE AMERICAN SIDE. THE PRESENT STATE
OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION BETWEEN BOTH
STATES DOES NOT, HOWEVER, CORRESPOND TO THE OPPORTUNITIES.
"THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IS, THEREFORE,
INTERESTED IN A REGULAR EXCAHNGE OF OPINIONS ON VARIOUS
LEVELS BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT
OF BILATERAL RELATIONS IN REALIZATION OF THE PRINCIPLES

AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINAL ACT. THIS WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DRAW A CONTINUING BALANCE, TO ANALYZE PROBLEMS WHICH ARISE, AND TO GIVE NEW CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES FOR THE DEEPENING OF RELATIONS IN AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST.

"FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC MAKES THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

"1. OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE ARE REGULAR POLITICAL CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH STATES. DURING A VISIT OF THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IN THE SECOND HALF OF 1977 TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AN EXTENSIVE EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS OVER THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST COULD BE CARRIED OUT. A MEETING AT THE LEVEL OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER COULD STILL BE REALIZED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR. THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC INVITES A DELEGATION OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR A VISIT TO THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

2. BOTH SIDES UNDERTAKE ALL EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE CONTRACTUAL (VERTRAGLICH) BASIS OF THEIR RELATIONS. LAST YEAR, AS THE FIRST OFFICIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS, A FISHERIES AGREEMENT, WAS CONCLUDED. THE GDR HAS ALREADY LAID BEFORE THE AMERICAN SIDE OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSALS AND DRAFTS LEADING TOWARD AGREEMENTS IN OTHER AREAS. EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO REACH SETTLEMENTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE CONSULAR AGREEMENT, A SHIPPING AGREEMENT AND A PARCEL POST AGREEMENT WHICH REFLECT THE INTERESTS OF THE TREATY PARTNERS AND TO ENCOURAGE FUTURE COOPERATION. WITH THE GOAL OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE APPROPRIATE COMMITMENTS OF THE FINAL ACT ALSO IN MUTUAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS, THE GDR PROPOSES CONCLUSION OF A MUTUAL AGREEMENT (DECLARATION) IN WHICH BOTH SIDES EXPRESS THEIR DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE FINAL ACT AND IN FULL RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE RELATIONS AMONG THE PARTICIPATING STATES IN THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

3. "THE EXCHANGE OF GOODS BETWEEN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS DEVELOPED TO A CERTAIN EXTENT SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. A GOVERNMENT DELEGATION OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS TWICE VISITED THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE, THROUGH CONTACTS AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONS. COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN REACHED BETWEEN DIFFERENT FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE GERMAN

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND AMERICAN FIRMS. NONETHELESS
THE TRADE RELATIONSHIPS DO NOT REFLECT EITHER THE
OPPORTUNITIES AT HAND OR THE NEEDS OF BOTH STATES.
IN PARTICULAR, THE EXISTING LIMITATIONS AND DISCRIMIN-
ATION AGAINST GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC EXPORT GOODS
IN MUTUAL TRADE APPLIED BY THE UNITED STATES HINDER A
BROADENING OF ECONOMIC REALTIONS AND ARE IN CONTRADIC-
TION TO THE PERTINENT STIPULATIONS OF THE FINAL ACT.
ABOVE ALL, THE REFUSAL TO GRANT MOST FAVORED NATION
TREATMENT HAS PROVEN ITSELF AGAIN AND AGAIN TO BE THE
MAIN HINDRANCE TO BETTER TRADE RELATIONS.
"IN THE INTEREST BOTH OF BROADER BUSINESS CONTACTS
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AND THE PROVISION OF TRADE INFORMATION, IT WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE TO ESTABLISH A TRADE OFFICE OF THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES
OF FOREIGN TRADE ORAGANIZATIONS OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
IN NEW YORK. SUCH A PROPOSAL HAS BEEN PLACE BEFORE THE
APPROPRIATE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES AND HAS RECIEVED
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. BECAUSE OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE
AUTHORITIES OF THE UNITED STATES, HOWEVER, THIS OFFICE
HAS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHE.

"THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC EXPRESSES THE HOPE
THAT THE FORTHCOMING FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE WILL CONTRIBUTE IN LARGE MEASURE TO
THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

4. "IN THE AREA OF CULTURAL EXCHANGES, THE GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC IS GUIDED AS WELL BY THE STATEMENTS
OF THE FINAL ACT IN WHICH COOPERATION SHOULD SERVE THE
SECURING OF PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLES
AND THE INTELLECTUAL ENRICHMENT OF THE HUMAN PERSONAL-
ITY, AND SHOULD ENSUE ON THE BASIS OF TH AGREED
PRINCIPLES. THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC HAS UNDERTAKEN
GREAT EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE KNOWLEGE OF AMERICAN
LITERATURE AND FILM ART IN THE GDRMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.
IN 1976 BOOK LICENSES FROM THE USA HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED
REPRESENTING A ONE THIRD INCREASE COMPARED TO THE
PREVIOUS YEAR. PUBLISHERS IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC ACQUIRED SEVEN TIMES MORE LICENSES THAN USA
PUBLISHERS ACQUIRED FROM THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.
ALONE IN THE 1975"1976 SEASON, SEVEN DRAMATIC AND
ELEVEN MUSICAL WORKS FROM THE UNITED STATES WERE

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PERFORMED IN THE GDR. IN 1976, ELEVEN AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT FILMS WERE SHOWN IN GDR MOVIE THEATRES AND THIRTY-FIVE ENTERTAINMENT FILMS WERE SHOWN ON GDR TELEVISION. THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN FILMS SHOWN ON TELEVISION SINCE THE CONFERENCE OF HELSINKI HAS TRIPLED. FOR THE FIRST TIME FILMS PRODUCED IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WERE SHOWN IN THE UNITED STATES IN A RETROSPECTIVE 1975. IN THE GDR A RETROSPECTIVE FILM SHOWING OF GRIFFITH FILMS WAS CARRIED OUT IN 1977.

THE GDR HAS GIVEN SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE CARRYING OUT OF NUMEROUS INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS IN THE AREA OF CULTURE, EDUCATION, CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. THROUGH THIS SUPPORT, AN EXTENSIVE BOOK COLLECTION HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE SOCIETY OF GERMAN TEACHERS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE GDR PARTICIPATED WITH WORTHWHILE DISPLAYS IN EXHIBITIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. WELL-KNOWN ARTISTS AND AUTHORS OF THE GDR HAVE BEEN SENT ON STUDY AND LECTURE VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES.

THE GDR BELIEVES THAT FURTHER STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO MAKE POSSIBLE A GREATER CIRCULATION
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OF CULTURAL WORKS FROM THE GDR IN THE USA.

FOR THIS PURPOSE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO CONCLUDE A GENERAL STATEMENT OF INTENT ABOUT THE READINESS OF BOTH PARTNERS TO SUPPORT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE EQUIVALENCE IN THE FIELDS OF BOOK, FILM AND TELEVISION PRODUCTION EXCHANGES IN THE INTEREST OF DETENTE.

THE GDR, FOR ITS PART, WILL UNDERTAKE IN THIS CONNECTION FURTHER EFFORTS TO DEEPEN RELATIONS IN THE CULTURAL FIELD WITH THE USA. IT WILL PROMOTE THE EFFORTS OF THE MUSEUMS OF THE GDR TOGETHER WITH THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM TO PREPARE THE EXHIBITION "AFRICA IN ANTIQUITY".

THE GDR SUPPORTS THE PLANNED EXHIBIT OF THE DRESDEN ART COLLECTION IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES IN 1978/79. THE CULTURAL ORGANIZATION OF THE GDR WILL

ORGANIZE THE CARRYING OUT OF THE PAUL STRAND PHOTO EXHIBIT WHICH IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN SIDE.

THE GDR IS PREPARED TO INVITE ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, OBSERVERS TO THE LEIPZIG DOCUMENTARY AND SHORT-FILM WEEK AS WELL AS TO RECIEVE OBSERVERS TO THE BERLIN FESTIVAL DAYS.

THE GDR DECLARES ITS AGREEMENT TO CARRY OUT A RETROSPECTIVE OF AMERICAN FILMS. ITS PROPOSES REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON THE CARRYING OUT OF FILM WEEKS IN BOTH THE US AND GDR.

THE GDR EXPRESSES ITS INTEREST IN CARRYING OUT BOOK EXHIBITS ON STILL TO BE DETERMINED THEMES IN THE US. FOR SCHOLARLY PURPOSES, THE GDR WILL MAKE AVAILABLE ON REQEUST A COLLECTION OF BOOKS FROM GDR PUBLISHING HOUSES.

THE GDR IS PREPARED TO EXPAND THE COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE OF SOLOISTS AND ENSEMBLES

THE GDR IS PREPARED TO INVITE A DELEGATION OF THE GERMAN TEACHERS ORGANIZATION OF THE US TO STUDY THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM OF THE GDR.

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BOTH SIDES SHOULD SUPPORT AND STIMULATE THE CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE GENERAL GERMAN NEWS SERVICE (ADN) AND THE CORRESPONDING USA NEWS SERVICES ON COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND MATERIALS.

5. THE GDR PLACES PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE ON THE LEARNING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES BY AN EVER GREATER NUMBER OF ITS CITIZENS, IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINAL ACT. IN PURSUANCE OF THIS GOAL, 500,000 STUDENTS STUDY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN OBLIGATORY AND OPTIONAL FOREIGN LANGUAGE COURSES. ABOUT 12,000 CITIZENS STUDY THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COURSES. GDR TELEVISION BROADCASTS ANNUALLY 62 PROGRAMS OF 25 MINUTES EACH IN SUPPORT OF ENGLISH TEACHING. IN THE GDR VIEW, A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND TEACHING MATERIALS COULD BE BEGUN IN THIS FIELD. THE GDR RECOMMENDS FOR THIS PURPOSE THE REACHING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS.

6. IN THE AREA OF EXCHANGE AND CONTACTS BETWEEN SCHOLARS OF BOTH STATES GOOD RESULTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. THE GDR WELCOMES THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF THE GDR AND THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EXCHANGE BOARD (IREX) ON THE CONTINUATION AND BROADENING OF COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD.

7. WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF HUMANTARIAN CASES, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINAL ACT AND OTHER

PERTINENT INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, THE GDR PROCEEDS FROM THE BASIS THAT THIS IS SUBJECT TO THE SOVEREIGN DECISIONS OF THE CONCERNED STATES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS STANDPOINT, THEREFORE, THE GDR HAS APPROVED THE APPLICATIONS OF CITIZENS TO LEAVE FOR THE US FOR THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND MARRIAGE.
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WITH REGARD TO THE SIMPLIFICATION OF VISA ISSUANCE THE GDR HAS PROPOSED MANY TIMES SHORTENING THE PROCESSING TIME AND SIMPLIFYING THE QUESTIONNAIRES. THE GDR REGRETS THAT, FOR GDR CITIZENS, ISSUANCE OF A VISA IS STILL MADE DEPENDENT UPON RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS OF A DISCRIMINATORY CHARACTER. FOR ITS PART THE GDR IS PREPARED, ON A BILATERAL BASIS, TO REACH AGREEMENTS ON THE ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR OFFICIAL GDR VISITORS TO THE US WITHIN THE SAME PERIOD OF TIME AS, ON ITS SIDE, THE GDR PROCESSES A VISA FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS. AS WELL AS ON REDUCING THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR VISA ISSUANCE TO THE NECESSARY PERSONAL DATA.

8. FOREIGN JOURNALISTS HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF TRUST BETWEEN PEOPLES. THE GDR PROVIDES GENEROUS WORKING CONDITIONS FOR AMERICAN JOURNALISTS. IT GRANTS THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE AP (STATIONED IN COPENHAGEN) A ONE-YEAR MULTIPLE ENTRY/EXIT VISA. HE ENJOYS ALL THE PRIVILEGES WHICH HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO OTHER FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN THE GDR. THE VISA APPLICATIONS FOR VISITING CORRESPONDENTS ARE PROCESSED IN AN UNBUREAUCRATIC AND TIMELY WAY. JOURNALISTS FROM THE GDR IN THE USA, HOWEVER, RECEIVE ONLY A SINGLE-ENTRY VISA AND SOMETIMES WITH A VALIDITY OF ONLY THREE MONTHS.

THE GDR PROPOSES THE CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS FOR ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS OF BOTH STATES WITH A VALIDITY OF ONE YEAR, AND ON THE GRANTING OF VISAS FOR VISITING CORRESPONDENTS OF THE GDR IN THIS SAME PERIOD OF TIME WITHIN WHICH THE GDR ISSUES VISAS TO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS. IT WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT FACILITATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS OF THE GDR IN THE USA IF THEY WERE GIVEN THE SAME WORKING CONDITIONS AND PRIVILEGES WHICH ARE
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GIVEN TO AMERICAN JOURNALISTS IN THE GDR.

PROCEEDING FROM THE USEFULNESS OF BILATERAL CONTACTS, THE GDR IS READY TO ENGAGE IN A FURTHER EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS ON THESE QUESTIONS OF TRANSFERRING

THE FINAL ACT INTO BILATERAL RELATIONS. IT EXPRESSES
THE CONVICTION THAT WITH THIS EXCHANGE OF OPINION,
FURTHER STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE AGREED PRINCIPLES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINAL
ACT, AND TOWARD THE BEST POSSIBLE PREPARATION FOR
THE BELGRADE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
PARTICIPATING STATES IN THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFER-
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2. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE OF PAPER AND
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